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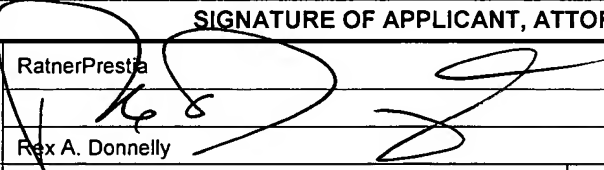
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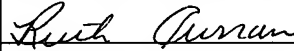
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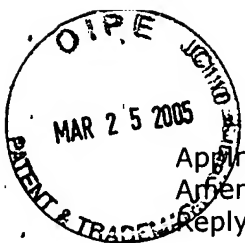
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Applicant: Ted M. Zarubaiko
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.